

REMARKS

By way of this amendment and reply, claims 1-9 have been canceled, and thereby claims 10-12 are presently pending for further consideration.

Applicants greatly appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 10-12 are allowed.

In the Office Action, claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for the reasons set forth in numbered section 3 of the Office Action. Due to the cancellation of claims 1-9, this rejection is now moot.

In reply to the request made in numbered section 1 of the Office Action, the original ribboned copy of the patent is being surrendered concurrently herewith.

Since there are no other objections or rejections raised in the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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